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Barracks at Koprivlen, Nevrokop Okoliya (Fall 1952)

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1. In the fall of 1952, the construction of new barracks in Koprivlen (N 41-32; E 23-47), Nevrokop Okoliya, was completed.

Barracks at Nevrokop (January 1948;

see sketch page six)

2. The barracks are located in the northwestern part of Nevrokop just after the last houses in that section, and directly north of the road to Petrich. The barracks area is rectangular in form, approximately 400 to 500 meters long and approximately 300 meters wide. The entire area is enclosed by barbed wire; it has two gates located on the southern side facing the Petrich road, and one auxiliary gate at the northern side of the area leading to the firing range.
3. There are ten buildings in the area as follows:
 - a. Three buildings used as sleeping quarters: one 3-story and two 2-story;
 - b. Quarters for the musicians' squad and the intendance unit: a 2-story building;
 - c. A stable used by the mountain battery: 1-story;
 - d. A stable, intendance storerooms, and regimental veterinary service: 1-story;
 - e. A parking area for the field pieces and mortars of the mountain battery, tank-destroyer battery, and mortar battery;
 - f. A pigsty; and
 - g. Two ammunition depots.
4. In the barracks area there are four permanent guard assignments: in front of the two southern gates; in front of the ammunition depots; and simultaneously in front of the northern gate and the haystack. During the night there are also two pairs of night patrols. if the need arose, by making use of all available space, two peacetime regiments could be accommodated in these barracks. 50X1-HUM
5. The firing range, located in the northern part of the barracks quarters, consists of a ravine with a flat base surrounded on three sides by small hills, so that the only open side is the one facing the northern enclosure of the barracks area. On the eastern slope of this natural firing range, and approximately 100 to 150 meters from the enclosed area, there are three tunnels, approximately two meters across and two and one-half meters high, length not known, constructed in 1941-1942, which had been used as air raid shelters by the military units previously located in the barracks. it would not be possible to accommodate all the soldiers in these tunnels. The tunnels are made of earth and are dug in firm clay without any reinforcement.

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Barracks at Fleven (5 July 1947; from personal observation; see sketch page seven)

6. Most of the barracks in Fleven are clustered together in a barracks area located in the southern end of the city on the eastern side of the road to Lovech.
7. The 1 Army Hospital (formerly 9 Division Hospital) is situated in the part of the barracks area nearest Fleven. This area has approximately the following dimensions: 250 meters in length, along the road to Lovech; and approximately 300 meters width, from the road in an easterly direction toward a grove of acacia trees. The area is


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enclosed on the west (toward the road to Lovech) by a low stone wall with small columns and parapets between, and on the northern and southern sides by a barbed wire fence. On the eastern side, however, the area is not enclosed except for the natural border made by the acacia grove. The following 11 buildings are located in this area:

- a. The central building of the 1 Army Hospital: a 2-story building in the form  the long side being approximately 20 meters and the wings approximately 10 meters;
- b. A penthouse for steam engines (coal and wood): approximately 20 x 5 meters;
- c. A building for lectures and reading: a 2-story building approximately 15 x 8 meters;
- d. Storehouse, kitchen, ovens, dining room, and two other rooms: a flimsy, 1-story building approximately 40 x 6 meters;
- e. The divisional veterinary hospital for the Fleven area: a 1-story building approximately 8 x 6 meters.
- f. Sleeping quarters for the soldiers of 5 Border Sektor: a 1-story building approximately 15 x 6 meters.

The open spaces in the area are used for gardens or yards.

8. As can be seen from the above, buildings of 5 Border Guard Sektor are included in the area of the 1 Army Hospital.
9. Near the southern side of the 1 Army Hospital area is another barracks area in which the 4 Army Engineer Regiment and the 4 Army Communications Regiment are located. This area is surrounded on the northern and western sides by a barbed wire fence, on the southern side by a stone wall which divides it from the area of 7 Trudovak Oblast, and on the eastern side by the acacia grove.  there are five buildings in this area, as follows: 50X1-HUM
 - a. The Home of Culture (dom na Kultura) of both regiments: a 2-story building approximately 15 x 10 meters;
 - b. Quarters for the 4 Army Engineers Regiment: a 3-story building approximately 30 x 12 meters;
 - c. Quarters for the 4 Army Communications Regiment: a 3-story building approximately 30 x 12 meters;
 - d. A garage for vehicles of both regiments: a 1-story building approximately 40 x 6 meters; and
 - e. A garage for vehicles of the communications regiment: a 1-story building approximately 20 x 6 meters.
10. To the south of this area begins the area of 7 Trudovak Oblast, surrounded to the north by a stone wall, along the length of which are penthouses containing workshops (vehicle repair, carpentry, metal work), and a vehicle garage. The vehicles consist of 10 to 15 Elits and Renault (Reno) trucks. To the west and south, the area is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, and to the east by the acacia grove.
11. The barracks building is a large, 3-story structure, approximately 40 x 15 meters. There are other small buildings in the area  50X1-HUM
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Change in the Temporary Trudovak Service Term

13. In September 1950 the obligatory 10-day service period in the Trudovaks was abolished, and in its place the Village Councils (selsuvti) in each locality were given the right to organize Trudovak brigades (brigadi) when workers were needed. The men would work as long as necessary according to the needs of the Village Council. This new system governing temporary Trudovak service is worked out in conjunction with the yearly plan of the Village Council according to the need for workers. The plan is subsequently sent to higher authority for approval.
14. In the new system, as in the old, it is possible to buy off one's services by paying 12 leva for each day of work missed. In working off this service, norms are established for a working day. If a person cannot meet these norms within the set time, he must continue working until they are entirely met. If a person refuses to work or to buy off his work term, the following year the sum required to redeem his services is increased three-fold; i.e., the person is obliged to pay 36 leva for each day absent. This obligatory Trudovak duty affects all men between the ages of 18 and 60 and all women between the ages of 18 and 55. Exceptions are made only for mothers with many children. In all other cases, including sickness, no exceptions are made. If a person is sick and unable to work, his or her place must be filled by a relative.
15. In Musomishte (N 41-33; E 23-47), Nevrokop Okoliya, the new type of Trudovak service was introduced in February 1953 for the construction of one of the wings of the school and the surrounding wall. The order was for four days Trudovak service or the payment of 48 leva. The inhabitants were obliged to go where they were told, and those who had them to bring their wagons; the rest served as laborers. The following norms were set:
 - a. For those with wagons: Each to transport four tons of stone a day;
 - b. For those digging ditches: Seven to nine cubic meters of earth per day, depending on the composition of the soil.

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Barracks in Nevrokop

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1. A 3-story barracks building
2. Sleeping quarters for the musicians squad
3. Stables
4. Stables
5. Pigsty
6. Munitions depots
7. Practice firing range with antiaircraft shelters
8. Nevrokop-Petrich highway

Barracks Area First Army Hospital, Fleven

scale: 1; 2,000

1. First Army Hospital
2. Penthouse
3. Building for reading and lectures
4. Warehouse; kitchen; and bakery
5. Veterinary hospital
6. Sleeping quarters for 5 Border Sektor
7. Kennels
8. Sleeping quarters for soldiers in the medical units
9. Storehouse for medical supplies
10. Divisional bakery
11. Quarters for service units
12. Acacia grove
13. Barracks area for the 4 Army intendance and communications regiments
14. Highway to Fleven
15. Highway to Lovech

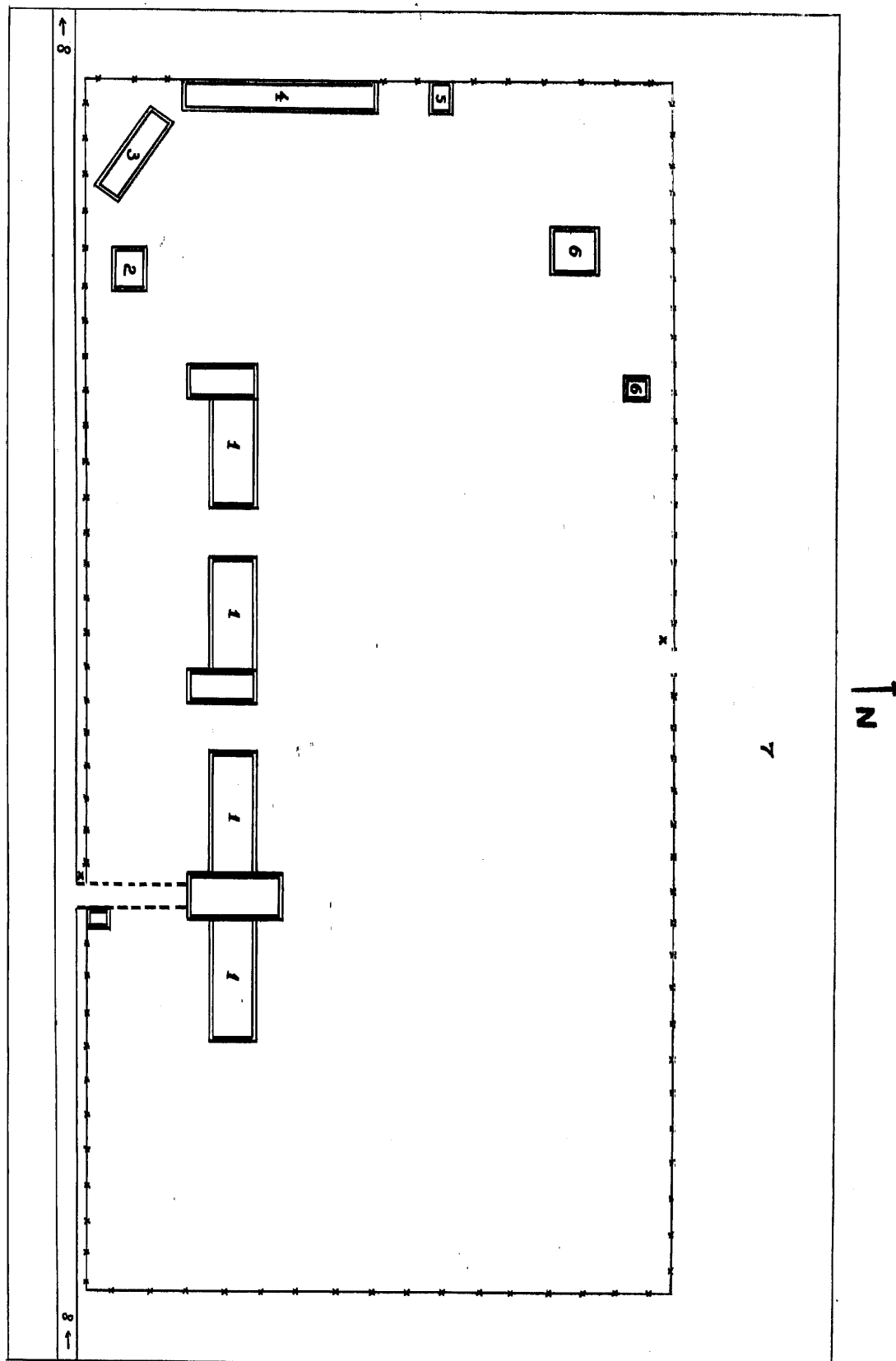
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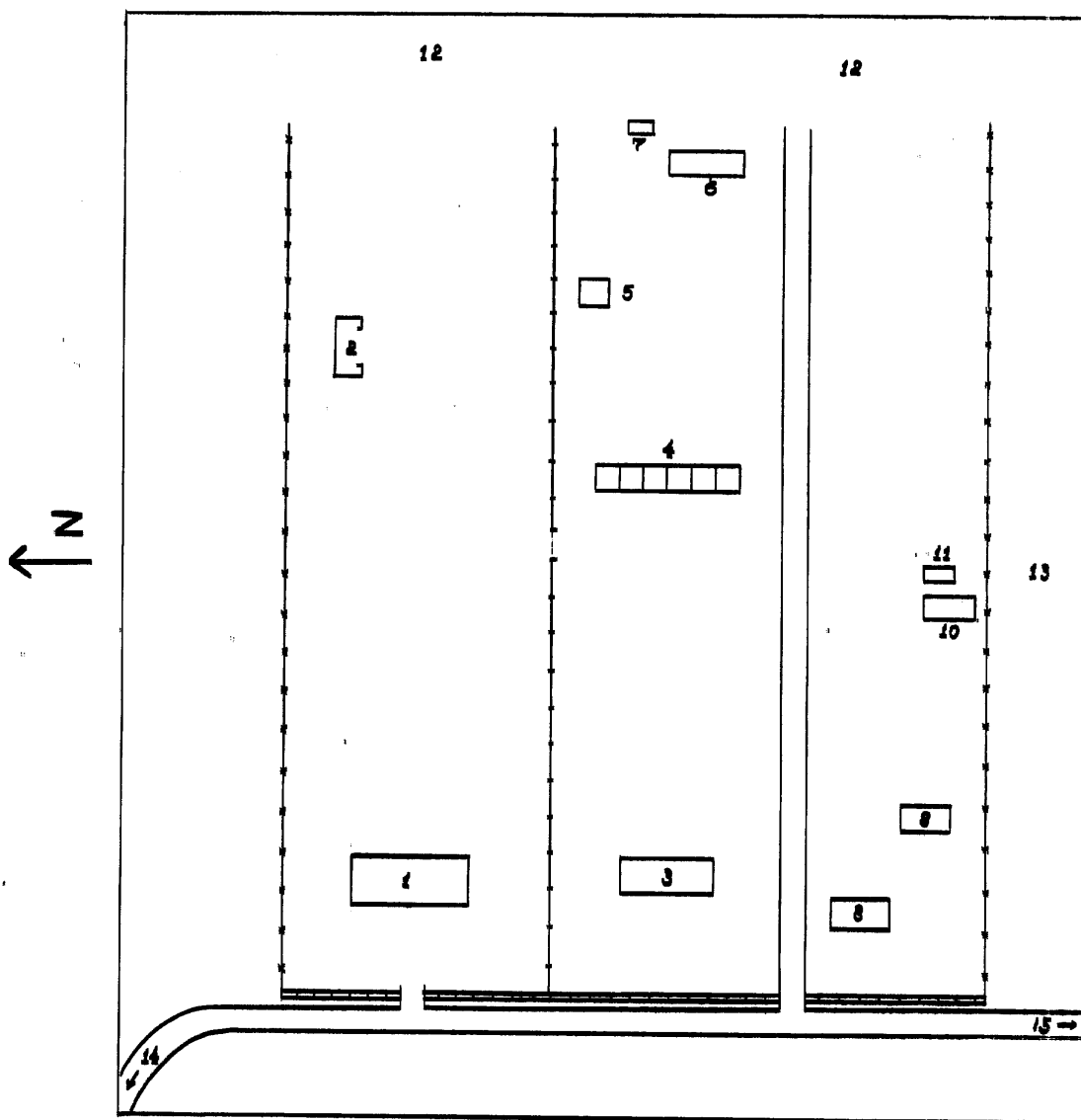


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